

Application No. 09/714,332
Attorney Docket No. 10236
Suppl. Amdmt. dated January 16, 2004
Reply to Advisory Action of November 14, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 26 and 30-47 remain pending in this Application.

This Supplemental Response is filed to change certain language in the Listing of Claims in the first Response to Advisory Action filed December 18, 2003. In particular, on January 15, 2004, Examiner Ahmed telephoned Applicants' attorney, Dean Simmons, to communicate the Formalities Group's requirement that in connection with non-original claims previously submitted, the Listing must indicate that the claims were "previously presented" rather than "previously added". This change is made in this Supplemental Response.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended by Examiner Ahmed to Applicants' attorney, Dean Simmons, in the telephonic interview on December 4, 2003. In that interview, the viscosities of silicone gums were discussed. In connection with the November 14, 2003 Advisory Action, amending the claims to recite a silicone gum viscosity range was discussed. Specifically, it was proposed that certain claims be amended to recite that the viscosity of the silicone gum is at least 1,000,000 to enhance the clarity of the claims. Examiner Ahmed indicated she would consider such claims if submitted in an Amendment after Final.

Submitted herewith are claim amendments that recite that the viscosity of the silicone gum in all claims except claim 34 is at least one million centistokes. Support for this recital is found on page 8, lines 1-3.

Entry of these amendments and reconsideration of the claims in view thereof is earnestly requested.

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Conclusion

Consistent with the foregoing, Applicants' claims 26 and 30-47 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of these claims with an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

It is believed that this submission is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action. However, should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the number listed below so that all matters may be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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